

## Gail Payne

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**From:** Erinn Larsen <offleashstudios@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 3:57 PM  
**To:** Gail Payne  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Requesting a crosswalk at Buena Vista and Chapin

Hi Ms. Payne,

I am writing to ask if there is any possible way to have a crosswalk with blinking lights put at Chapin and Buena Vista.

We live on the corner of Eagle and Saint Charles, and know a lot of residents in our neighborhood, including ourselves, have elementary school children that frequently are required to bike and/or walk themselves to schools in the area. At last count, we had 16 families with about 28 kids under the age of 12 living on the two square blocks that make up the neighborhood. It's a lot of little feet and short legs that need to get to school.

I'm not sure if you've ever had to cross Buena Vista during what we call rush hour, but it can be really difficult even for an adult, never mind a small child with less visibility. We've had cars stop for us only to have other cars go around them and speed past us, creating a near miss. There are other times when cars simply won't just let us cross at all. It's a very stressful situation for my children, who are afraid now to walk or bike themselves to school and cross Buena Vista without an adult. The cross walks that do exist in the vicinity seem to be very ineffective and are completely ignored 95% of the time.

Please let me know how we might go about creating a safer option for our kids and our community.

Sincerely,  
Erinn Larsen